

The Order of Nine Angles is a complicated set of magickal, religious and philosophical ideas. Followers of the Order of Nine Angles (O9A, ONA), sometimes also called Niners, can be anywhere from atheists to polytheists and can see entities such as the 'dark gods' as real or as archetypes. The beliefs and practices are based on the writings of Anton Long and include many elements of classical Hermeticism, ancient Paganism, Buddhism as well as other, non-semitic mystical systems.

#### Basic beliefs

##### Wyrd

Wyrd comes from Anglo-Saxon and means 'fate' 'destiny' or 'the course of events' depending on the context. Wyrd is a concept which applies to individuals and also larger bodies such as the wyrd of a political regime. Wyrd is seen as something to accept and not struggle against, to use it in a meaningful way instead of cursing the events you are given.

##### Septenary system

The ONA follows a system older than the more popular Qabbalah. This system is based on ancient Hellenic thought, particularly the Corpus Hermeticum in which specifically the Poemanders tractate holds the most importance. The septenary system, also known as hebdomadry or the 'tree of wyrd', is one of three currents of the ONA and is the most well known and followed. It is a series of seven grades, six of which are attainable in one's lifetime and the last is reached after death, which takes the individual on a journey, exploring deeply the limits of the physical body, mental capacity and spiritual ability.

##### Causal and Acausal

The causal is the physical world and the ideations used to explain it. The acausal is the non-physical world where the concepts of cause-and-effect do not apply. It is the formless essence of consciousness and from which matter is given life.

##### Lapis Philosophicus

Lapis philosophicus is the goal of the ONA, in which one embraces the numinous aspects of life and is outside of ideations. It is a glimpse of the acausal before the final stage of the septenary system, in which one exists solely in the acausal.

##### Causal Abstractions

The ONA uses many 'causal abstractions' as guides which lead to lapis philosophicus. For example, becoming a Buddhist or Christian monk or volunteering for a local charity. Some of these may be more controversial such as adopting the style of a disliked group. All of these are seen as good if they lead one to gain a better understanding of the nature of reality and who one is.